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WVDA to Host Agriculture Safety Days in Morgantown

Charleston W.Va. -- The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) will be hosting Ag Safety Days November 8-9 at the Monongalia County WVU Extension office in Morgantown. The event is free and open to the public. Credits are available for West Virginia licensed pesticide applicators for some courses.

"Technology and best practices are always changing. These continuing education events are important to ensure applicators are using up-to-date methods," said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. "This is a great opportunity to meet necessary requirements for these occupational licenses."

Over the two days, courses will be offered covering: pesticide toxicity and exposure reduction, worker protection standards (WPS) requirements and training procedures, tractor safety, ATV safety, respiratory protection, respirator fit testing, lock out/tag out safety protocols, ladder safety and fall protection, IPM and pesticide formulations, FSMA update and CPR/First Aid.

Space is limited, contact Jessica Stricklen at <u>jstricklen@wvda.us</u> or call (304)558-2209 to register or for additional information. Location for the Monongalia County WVU Extension office is 34 Commerce Drive, Suite 106, Morgantown, WV 26501.

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture protects plant, animal and human health through a variety of scientific, regulatory and consumer protection programs. The Commissioner of Agriculture is one of six statewide elected officials who sits on the Board of Public Works.